

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH POLICY**

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2005 meeting. Representative Adamini supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4446 before the committee.

HB 4446 Robertson Health; abortion; provision allowing patients the opportunity to view the active ultrasound image of, and to have a picture of the ultrasound image of, the fetus prior to performing an abortion; require.

Representative David Robertson, sponsor of HB 4446, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed. Representative Robertson also submitted written testimony on behalf of Judy Climer of Flint Area Right To Life and Judy Paga of Dryden.

Julie Barnes of Kalamazoo Right To Life testified in support of the bill.

Kelly Hamilton of MARAL Pro-Choice Michigan testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Ann O'Reilly of Pregnancy Helpline testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Sarah Scranton of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan testified in opposition to the bill. Ms. Scranton also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Shelley Asbury of Warren testified in support of the bill.

Shelli Weisberg of ACLU of Michigan testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Tammy Holly of Operation Outcry testified in support of the bill.

Zena Biocca of Michigan NOW testified in opposition to the bill. Ms. Biocca also submitted written testimony.

Kristen Cella of the Michigan Catholic Conference testified in support of the bill.

Susan Greenlee of Northville testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Ed Rivet of Right To Life of Michigan testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Bill Kandler of the Michigan College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Mr. Kandler also submitted written testimony on behalf of Dr. Harold Sauer.

Fern Ettinger of the National Council of Jewish Women. Ms. Ettinger also submitted written testimony.

Representative Robertson offered the following amendment to HB 4446:

1. Amend page 4, line 25, after “**AND**” by inserting “**OFFER TO**”.

Representative Robertson moved to adopt the amendment. Representative Vander Veen supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 15-0-1.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Angerer.

Nays: None.

Pass: Rep. Murphy.

Representative Murphy offered the following amendments to HB 4446:

1. Amend page 4, following line 22, by inserting:

“(F) PROVIDE THE PATIENT WITH INFORMATION ON FAMILY PLANNING INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ALL METHODS OF CONTRACEPTIVES APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING METHODS, AND A LIST OF FAMILY PLANNING PROVIDERS IN THIS STATE THAT RECEIVE FEDERAL OR STATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES.”.

2. Amend page 5, line 9, after “through” by striking out “(e)” and inserting “(F)”.

3. Amend page 5, line 13, after “through” by striking out “(e)” and inserting “(F)”.

Representative Murphy moved to adopt the amendments. Representative Adamini supported the motion. **The motion failed 5-11-0**

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Angerer.

Nays: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer.

Pass: None.

Representative Robertson moved to report HB 4446 with recommendation as amended, as substitute (H-1). Representative Ward supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 14-2-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Wojno, McDowell, Angerer.

Nays: Reps. Adamini, Murphy.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4037 before the committee.

HB 4037 Condino Health; pharmaceuticals; toll-free number for information regarding prescription drug programs; provide for.

Representative Paul Condino, sponsor of HB 4037, testified in support of the bill.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of HB 4037, but did not wish to testify:

Orlene Christie of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Bill Knox of AARP.

Erik Harris of the Michigan Nurses Association.

Representative Robertson moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 4037. Representative Adamini supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 12-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ball, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, McDowell, Murphy, Angerer.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Robertson moved to report HB 4037 with recommendation as substitute (H-1). Representative Adamini supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 12-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ball, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, McDowell, Murphy, Angerer.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4559 before the committee.

HB 4559 Kahn Health; pharmaceuticals; prescription drug website; provide for.

Representative Roger Kahn, sponsor of HB 4559, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of HB 4559, but did not wish to testify:

Bill Knox of AARP.

Erik Harris of the Michigan Nurses Association.

Deena Bosworth and Michelle Rick of the Attorney General's office wished to testify in support of HB 4559, but were unable due to time constraints.

The following individuals wished to testify with a neutral position on the bill, but were unable due to time constraints:

Orlene Christie of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Larry Wagenknecht of the Michigan Pharmacists Association.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Representative Edward Gaffney, Chair_____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk

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